

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 –6 Canceled.

7. (Currently Amended) A copying machine comprising:

an optical reading unit which optically scans a surface of ~~an original~~ a recording medium, and converts an image on the surface of the ~~original~~ recording medium into image data;

a radio reader which reads image data of the image inherently printed on the surface of the recording medium from an IC chip embedded in the ~~original~~ recording medium and having a radio communication function;

an image forming unit which prints an image on a surface of an image forming medium;

~~a radio writer which writes data on an IC chip embedded in the image forming medium and having a radio communication function;~~

~~an operational mode setting unit which sets the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, and the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit;~~

~~a first control unit which selects the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, based on an operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit;~~

~~a second control unit which selects the data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

a control panel to which the operational mode is input by a user[[,]];:

an operational mode setting unit which sets one of the image data of the recording medium acquired by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip of the recording medium by the radio reader, as the data to be printed as the image on the image

forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode input to the control panel; and

~~wherein the second a control unit which selects one of the image data on the surface of the original recording medium which has been optically scanned by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip embedded in the original recording medium by the radio reader, as the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

~~wherein the operational mode setting unit sets one of the image data of the original acquired by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip of the original by the radio reader, as the data to be printed as the image on the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode input to the control panel.~~

Claim 8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) **[[A]]** The copying machine according to claim 7, further comprising:

~~an optical reading unit which optically scans a surface of an original, and converts an image on the surface of the original into image data;~~

~~a radio reader which reads data from an IC chip embedded in the original and having a radio communication function;~~

~~an image forming unit which prints an image on a surface of an image forming medium;~~

~~a radio writer which writes data on an IC chip embedded in the image forming medium and having a radio communication function;~~

~~an operational mode setting unit which sets the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, and the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit;~~

~~a first control unit which selects the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, based on an operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

~~a second control unit which selects the data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

~~a control panel to which the operational mode is input by a user;~~

~~wherein the second control unit selects one of the image data on the surface of the original which has been optically scanned by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip embedded in the original by the radio reader, as the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit, and~~

wherein the operational mode setting unit sets one of the image data of the ~~original~~ recording medium acquired by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip of the ~~original~~ recording medium by the radio reader, as the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, based on the operational mode input to the control panel, and

wherein the ~~first~~ control unit selects one of the image data on the surface of the ~~original~~ recording medium which has been optically scanned by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip embedded in the ~~original~~ recording medium by the radio reader, as the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit.

Claims 10 – 12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A copying machine comprising:

a scanner;

a printer; and

a system control unit, wherein

the scanner includes:

an optical reading unit which optically scans a surface of ~~an original~~ a recording medium, and converts an image on the surface of the ~~original~~ recording medium into image data; and

a radio reader which reads image data of the image inherently printed on the surface of the recording medium from an IC chip embedded in the ~~original~~ recording medium and having a radio communication function,

the printer includes:

an image forming unit which prints an image on a surface of an image forming medium ~~[[;]]~~, and

~~a radio writer which writes data on an IC chip embedded in the image forming medium and having a radio communication function, and~~

the system control unit includes:

~~an operational mode setting unit which sets the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, and the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit;~~

~~a first control unit which selects the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, based on an operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit;~~

~~a second control unit which selects the data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

a control panel to which the an operational mode is input by a user[,];

an operational mode setting unit which sets one of the image data of the recording medium acquired by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip of the recording medium by the radio reader, as the data to be printed as the image on the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode input to the control panel; and

~~wherein the second a control unit which selects one of the image data on the surface of the original recording medium which has been optically scanned by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip embedded in the original recording medium by the radio reader, as the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

~~wherein the operational mode setting unit sets one of the image data of the original acquired by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip of the original by the radio reader, as the data to be printed as the image on the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode input to the control panel.~~

Claim 14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ copying machine according to claim 13, wherein comprising:

~~a scanner;~~

~~a printer; and~~

~~a system control unit, wherein~~

~~the scanner includes:~~

~~an optical reading unit which optically scans a surface of an original, and converts an image on the surface of the original into image data; and~~

~~a radio reader which reads data from an IC chip embedded in the original and having a radio communication function;~~

~~the printer further includes:~~

~~an image forming unit which prints an image on a surface of an image forming medium; and~~

~~a radio writer which writes data on an IC chip embedded in the image forming medium and having a radio communication function, and~~

~~the system control unit includes:~~

~~an operational mode setting unit which sets the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, and the image data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit;~~

~~a first control unit which selects the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer, based on an operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit;~~

~~a second control unit which selects the data to be printed on the surface of the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit; and~~

~~a control panel to which the operational mode is input by a user;~~

~~wherein the operational mode setting unit sets one of the image data of the original~~ recording medium ~~acquired by the optical reading unit and the data read from the IC chip of the original~~ recording medium ~~by the radio reader, as the data to be printed as the image on~~

the image forming medium by the image forming unit, based on the operational mode input to the control panel; and

wherein the ~~first~~ control unit of the system control unit selects one of the image data on the surface of the ~~original~~ recording medium which has been optically scanned by the optical reading unit of the scanner and the data read from the IC chip embedded in the ~~original~~ recording medium by the radio reader of the scanner, as the data to be written on the IC chip embedded in the image forming medium by the radio writer of the printer, based on the operational mode set by the operational mode setting unit.

Claims 16 – 17 (Canceled)

18. (New) The copying machine according to claim 7, wherein the radio reader reads electronic data, which corresponds to the image data inherently recorded on the surface of the recording medium, from the IC chip embedded in the recording medium.

19. (New) The copying machine according to claim 9, wherein the radio reader reads electronic data, which corresponds to the image data inherently recorded on the surface of the recording medium, from the IC chip embedded in the recording medium.

20. (New) The copying machine according to claim 13, wherein the radio reader reads electronic data, which corresponds to the image data inherently recorded on the surface of the recording medium, from the IC chip embedded in the recording medium.

21. (New) The copying machine according to claim 15, wherein the radio reader reads electronic data, which corresponds to the image data inherently recorded on the surface of the recording medium, from the IC chip embedded in the recording medium.